

**MINUTES OF THE BOONE COUNTY MONTHLY
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
In person Meeting @ Whatcha Smokin, Luther, IA
January 25th, 2024**

The Boone County SWCD Commissioners January 25th organizational and monthly meeting was called to order by Jeremy Gustafson at 6:30 PM. Those present: Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners: Missy Bice, Rosie Wurpts, Diana Wright, Steve Carlson, and Jeremy Gustafson. Staff & Others: Christine Thompson-Bolton, CA; Jeremy Johannsen, DC; Riley Bass, Beaver Creek Coordinator; Lillie Smith, 780 Technician IDALS; Jessica Butters, Prairie Rivers Watershed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

24-001 MOVED by Wurpts, seconded by Wright to accept the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

24-002 MOVED by Bice, seconded by Wurpts to retain previous office position of 2023 for the 2024 year. Motion carried unanimously. Jeremy Gustafson, chairperson; Steve Carlson, vice chairperson.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairperson Gustafson made the following appointments for 2024:

Treasurer	Rosie Wurpts
Co-Treasurer	Jeremy Gustafson
Co-Secretaries	Christine Thompson-Bolton & Diana Wright
Receive Paper Bank Statements	Missy Bice

24-003 MOVED by Bice, seconded by Wurpts to retain the same committee assignments from 2023 for the 2024 year. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEES:	Education/Environmental:	Bice, Carlson, Gustafson, Wurpts-chair
	Legislative:	All Commissioners, Carlson-Chair
	Finance:	Thompson-Bolton, Gustafson-chair
	Publicity/Information:	Gustafson, Carlson, Bice-chair
	REAP:	Carlson-chair
	Soil & Water Resource Conservation Plan:	All Commissioners, Wright-chair
	RC&D:	Carlson, Gustafson-chair

BOONE 2024 FINANCIAL POLICIES ANNUAL CHECKLIST

24-004 MOVED by Bice, seconded by Carlson to accept the Annual Financial Policies for 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW POTENTIAL FEMALE/MINORITY LIST

The list was updated.

APPROVAL OF December 21st MONTHLY 2023 MINUTES

24-005 MOVED by Carlson, seconded by Wurpts to approve the 12.21.23 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT

24-006 MOVED by Carlson, seconded by Bice to accept December 2023 Treasurer Reports & Vendor Bills pg. 2. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

PRAIRIE RIVERS WATERSHEDS UPDATE-by J. Butters

Butters didn't have an update for the NFWF grant. Butters will email some additional information to the commissioners.

Five Year Plan by Carlson & Wright

No updates

BEAVER CREEK WMA by Riley Bass

- Bass attended edge of field training and PFI conference.
- Bass had her first watershed meeting as coordinator 1/18/2024.
- There are two wetland projects started in Polk County.
- The signs for the watershed are supposed to be delivered 1/29/2024.

BOONE SWCD WEBSITE - Carlson

- Carlson updated the website with our resources. He would like some photos to add to the website. CDI would like to highlight the Boone SWCD website next month.

SELL SHELTER TUBES FOR TREES

Tabled until next meeting.

Summer 2024 Intern application deadline 2/23/2024 - 2 commissioners on hiring committee and dates set for interviews.

Tabled until next meeting.

PLAN A DAY TO PROMOTE COVER CROPS

Tim Anderson is willing to host a field day.

NEW BUSINESS

RACCOON RIVER WATERSHED -PROXY VOTING FORM

Gustafson filled out the form.

CORRESPONDENCE-

Attached to Email

Water Rocks Donation Request

January 2024 IDALS DSCWQ talking points

National Watershed Coalition

FARMS AMENDMENTS/APPLICATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS

AMENDMENTS

Name	Application #	Practice	Funding Source	Cost Share Amount	Total Estimated Cost
Margaret Karsjens	106104	Grade Stabilization	IFIP	\$11,793.63	\$23,587.27

APPLICATIONS

Name	Application #	Practice	Funding Source	Cost Share Amount	Total Estimated Cost
Buechler, Dan	114483	Grassed Waterway	IFIP	\$13,914.00	\$27,828.00
Douglas C Gustafson Testamentary Residuary Trust	114482	Grassed Waterway	IFIP	\$5,493.50	\$10,987.00
Corteva Agriscience LLC	114148	Oxbows	CIP1	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00

CLAIM PAYMENTS

Name	Application #	Practice	Funding Source	Cost Share Amount	Total Estimated Cost
Harrison, Foster	110475	Cover Crops	WQI	\$2,400.00	\$8,000.00
Powers, Joe	111239	Cover Crops	WQI	\$1,579.00	\$3,158.00
Carlson, Steven	111219	Cover Crops	WQI	\$1,353.00	\$4,510.00
Stolte, Brad	112064	Cover Crops	WQI	\$2,400.00	\$8,000.00
TA Land Inc	112358	Cover Crops	WQI	\$2,400.00	\$8,000.00
Ryan Sundine	113524	Cover Crops	WQI	\$2,875.00	\$5,750.00
Committee for Ag Development	112793	Cover Crops	WQI	\$1,860.00	\$6,200.00
R & L Good Inc	112970	Cover Crops	WQI	\$1,575.00	\$5,250.00
Karen Cummins	110039	Cover Crops	WQI	\$2,900.00	\$5,800.00
Nick Jordan	107925	Cover Crops	WQI	\$250.00	\$500.00
Michael Schrum	112350	Cover Crops	WQI	\$2,400.00	\$8,000.00
Stern Farms Inc.	114020	Cover Crops	WQI	\$300.00	\$1,000.00
Stern Farms Inc.	110468	Cover Crops	WQI	\$1,080.00	\$3,600.00

24-007 moved by Bice, seconded by Wurpts to approve the FARMS amendments, applications, and claim payments.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSERVATION PLANS- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS-None

STAFF REPORTS/NRCS Johanssen reported.

- The Women Land and Legacy listening session was January 23rd of 2024 at the Leonard Good Hall in Ogden. There were two sessions, 1pm - 3pm or 6pm - 8pm. There was a total of 20 women that attended.
- Lillie Smith will be leaving at the end of February. She has accepted a position with Pheasants Forever in Fergus Falls, MN.
- CRP is open for new contracts with extension of Farm Bill.
- EQIP applications are being ranked.
- There is no update on the soil conservation position being filled.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 22, 2024 @ 12:00 pm.

FURTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

24-008 MOVED by Wurpts, seconded by Bice to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Accepted by:

Chairperson

Conservation Assistant

